DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: It is a difficult matter to reply at the moment exactly. Perhaps one per cent.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know the number of schools that have not been supplied with standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: I made enquiries into the matter even this morning. Practically all the paper received on this account in the press have been utilised for the production of note books. There may be a few persons who have advanced money to the press and are waiting to collect the note books as soon as they are ready in the press. At the moment, there are about 20000 note books awaiting distribution. The note books are not retailed to anybody other than the Headmasters of schools who have to take the responsibility for the number of students on whose behalf they apply. I do not think there is any large body of people waiting just at present for the purchase of note books.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there was a press note that schools will have to use only standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Certainly not Sir; The use of standard note books is not a compulsory affair. Those who cannot afford any other costly kind of note books may buy such note books at a cost of seven chuckrams each. The other note books cost as much as Rs. 1-8-0 each.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the schools have been informed about the availability of standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Yes Sir.

PRESIDENT: If all the schools decline to purchase the standard note books I will gladly use them for our purpose. If the schools were to say publicly that they do not require such books the Government will be greatly obliged to them.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the shortage of paper and the difficulties arising therefrom were brought to the notice of Government by the teachers and others?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: No Sir.

PRESIDENT: That is one of the world phenomenon of the day.

Standard Note Books.

80 *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which standard note books were distributed among students?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: The standard note books began to be issued from the Government Press from 3-10-1118.

Scheme for Training in Co-operative principles.

81. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned any scheme submitted by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies regarding the course of instructions to be given to the officers of the Co-operative Department on principles of co-operation; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the details of the scheme so sanctioned?

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